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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to calculating the filing fees and examination of this application, please enter the following remarks and amendments into the record.

In the Specification:

Please enter on the first page under the title the following:

A1 This application is the § 371 national stage entry of PCT/US99/01377, filed 21 January 1999, and which claims the benefit of provisional application 60/072,370, filed 23 January 1998.

In The Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 3, line 12, after "Claim 1", please delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 15, after "Claim 1", please delete "or 2".

A2 Claim 5. (Amended) The method according to [any of Claims 1 to 4] Claim 2 wherein the water soluble, non-fermentable cellulose derivative is methylcellulose or hydroxypropyl-methylcellulose.

Claim 12, line 9, after "Claim 10", please delete "or 11".


~~Claim 13, line 12, after "Claim 10", please delete "or 11".~~

Claim 14. (Amended) The method according to [any of Claims 10 to 13] claim 10 wherein the water soluble, non-fermentable cellulose derivative is methylcellulose or hydroxypropyl-methylcellulose.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/US99/01377 into the U.S. national phase of prosecution. The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter is believed added.

Respectfully submitted,


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